

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“~~—~~”) being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of allocating use of peripheral devices in a network system comprised of:

identifying users in the network system to a central device;

providing peripheral device access limitations to the users by the central device, wherein the peripheral devices perform document processing; and

informing the peripheral devices of the access allowed to users by the central device;

reading marks on documents processed by the peripheral devices; and

identifying, by the marks, the documents to the central device.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

accounting peripheral device usage of the users by the central device.

3. – 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of clam ~~[[4]]~~ 1 further comprising:

relating the identified documents to users that request the identified documents.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
providing an embedded virtual machine in each of the peripheral devices wherein the embedded virtual machine interfaces to the central device.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein at least one of the peripheral devices is a multi-functional peripheral device whereby the central device configures the multi-functional peripheral device to serve specific functions.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the central device comprises of logic in a server connected to the network system.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
providing the users with collective and individual information and status of the peripheral devices.
10. (Currently Amended) A network system controlling and managing resource usage comprised of:
a central device accessible by one or more users; and
one or more peripheral devices, wherein the peripheral devices process documents,
wherein the central device provides information to the peripheral devices as to access by the users, and wherein the documents are given a mark read by the peripheral devices and identified by the central device.

11. (Original) The network system of claim 10 wherein the central device accounts for peripheral device usage of the users.

12. – 13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The network system of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 10 wherein the documents are related to users that request the documents.

15. (Original) The network system of claim 10 wherein the peripheral devices are further comprised of an embedded virtual machine that interfaces to the central device.

16. (Original) The network system of claim 15 wherein at least one of the peripheral devices is a multi-functional peripheral device whereby the central device configures the multi functional peripheral device to serve specific functions.

17. (Original) The network system of claim 10 wherein the central device comprises control logic in a server connected to the network system.

18. (Original) The network system of claim 10 whereby users are provided collective and individual information and status of the peripheral devices.